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DRL Quick Facts

The Department of Regulation and Licensing (DRL) and related professional boards protect the citizens of Wisconsin by ensuring the safe and competent practice of licensed professionals. We serve the public and the professionals we regulate by fairly administering education, experience, and examination requirements, setting professional practice standards, and ensuring compliance by enforcing occupational licensing laws. The Department is organized into four divisions and the Office of the Secretary. The divisions are, Board Services, Enforcement, Management Services, and Professional Credential Processing (including the Office of Education and Examination).

The Department licenses and regulates 132 different types of credentials in more than 58 professional fields. The agency's 118.82 FTE employees issue approximately 27,500 new credentials each year and renew more than 350,000 credential holders each biennium. The agency also provides centralized administrative services to 64 boards, councils, and advisory committees. The boards, councils, and advisory committees have varying levels of responsibility and professional oversight based on statutory provisions.

The top 10 professions, with number of licensees, are:

1. Nursing	101,472 (83,746 RN & 17,726 LPN)
2. Barber/Cosmetology	45,573 (28,163 practitioners & 17,410 managers)
3. Medicine/Surgery	23,040
4. Real Estate	20,438 (10,534 brokers & 9,904 salespersons)
5. Professional Engineer	18,579
6. Certified Public Acc't	13,480
7. Social Work	12,930
8. Private Security/Detective	8,225
9. Pharmacist	7,304
10. Architect	4,673